

Claim Amendments:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

What is claimed is:

Please cancel Claims 1-157.

Please enter the following Previously Presented claims

158. (Currently Amended) An inhaler comprising:-

a housing in which a container unit, containing a medicament formulation, is received and a dispensing member is relatively movable to cause dispensing of a dose of the medicament formulation for inhalation by a user through a dispensing outlet of the housing; an accessory which is attachable to the housing; and a restricting member which is part of the accessory and movable between a first position which enables relative movement between the dispensing member container unit and the housing for dispensing of the dose of the medicament formulation, and a second position in which the restricting member restricts relative movement between the dispensing member container unit and the housing such that dispensing of the dose of the medicament formulation is prevented; characterised in that wherein when the accessory is attached to the housing the restricting member enters the housing through the dispensing outlet to be disposed in its second position; and wherein the restricting member is configured as a clip which, in its second position, clips to at least one of the housing and the container unit to retain the restricting member in its second position.

159. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 158, wherein the restricting member is releasably attachable clipped to at least one of the housing and the container unit in its second position.

160. Cancelled

161.(Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 160 158, wherein the accessory is attachable to the dispensing outlet of the housing.

162. Cancelled

163. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 162 158 wherein the accessory is a restricting member is provided on a closure positionable to close the dispensing outlet and wherein when the closure is positioned to close the dispensing outlet, the restricting member provided on the closure enters the housing through the dispensing outlet to be disposed in its second position.

164. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 162 158, wherein in use the dose of the medicament formulation is dispensed from the container unit when the container unit moves relative to the housing in a first direction and wherein the restricting member in its second position restricts movement of the container unit in the first direction.

165. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 162 158, wherein in its second position the restricting member restricts relative movement between the container unit and the housing through physical engagement of the restricting member with the container unit.

166. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 162 158, wherein the restricting member, in its second position, is disposed in front of a leading end of the container unit.

167. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 162 158, wherein the housing has an axis along which the container unit is movable relative to the housing to dispense the dose of the medicament formulation and the restricting member, in its second position, extends laterally to the axis to restrict said relative movement.

168. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 158, wherein the restricting member is configured as an arm structure.

169. Cancelled

170. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 162 158, wherein the container unit is a dispensing container unit having first and second parts which are movable relative to one another, said relative movement causing dispensing of the dose of the medicament formulation from the dispensing container unit, and wherein the housing has a support for supporting the

first part of the dispensing container unit in a stationary position relative to the housing so that, in use, the second part is able to move in the housing relative to the first part to dispense the dose of the medicament formulation, and wherein the restricting member, in its second position, restricts the movement of the second part relative to the first part to prevent dispensing of the dose.

171. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 170, wherein one of the first and second parts is a dispensing outlet member of the dispensing container unit and the other part is a container member containing the medicament formulation.

172. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 171, wherein the first part is the dispensing outlet member and the second part is the container member and wherein the support is adapted in use to direct the output of the dispensing outlet member out of the housing through the dispensing outlet thereof.

173. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 170 which is a pressurised metered dose inhaler (pMDI) with the second part being a pressurised container member containing therein the medicament formulation under pressure and the first part being a valve stem of a metering valve for releasing a metered dose of the pressurised medicament formulation from the dispensing container unit upon relative movement between the pressurised container member and the valve stem.

174. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 170, wherein the restricting member comprises a pair of arms that straddle the support when the restricting member is in the second position.

175. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 173, wherein the support is a stem block for receiving the valve stem and wherein the restricting member comprises a pair of arms that straddle the stem block when the restricting member is in the second position.

176. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 169 170, wherein the clip detachably engages the support when in the second position.

177. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 169 158, wherein the clip detachably

engages a step in the housing when in the second position.

178. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 177 170, wherein the clip detachably engages a step in the housing when in the second position and wherein the step is in a surface of the housing on which the support is provided.

179. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 163, wherein the closure is movable between a closing position, engaged with the housing, in which it closes the dispensing outlet and places the restricting member in the second position, and an opening position in which it opens the dispensing outlet and places the restricting member in its first position.

180. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 163, wherein the closure is detachably mountable on the housing.

181. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 179, wherein the closure is detachably mountable on the housing and wherein in use the closure is moved from its closing position to its opening position by detaching the closure from the housing.

182. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 163 in which the closure is releasably engageable with the dispensing outlet of the housing to close the dispensing outlet.

183. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 179 wherein the closure is releasably engageable with the dispensing outlet of the housing to close the dispensing outlet, and wherein in use the closure is moved from its closing position to its opening position by disengaging the closure from the dispensing outlet.

184. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 162 158 further having an indicator for indicating dispensing from the container unit.

185. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 184 in which the indicator has a visual display for indicating dispensing from the container unit.

186. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 185 in which the indicator is adapted to update the display in response to movement of the container unit relative to the housing.

187. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 186, wherein the indicator is adapted to update the display in response to relative movement of the container unit to the housing by a distance which is less than that required for dispensing of the dose of the medicament formulation from the container unit and wherein the restricting member in its second position restricts the relative movement of the container unit and the housing such as to prevent updating of the display.

188. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim ~~172~~ 158 in which the container unit further has a metering mechanism for dispensing a metered dose of the medicament formulation on movement of the container unit relative to the housing.

189. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 184, wherein the indicator is comprised in the container unit.

190. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim ~~184~~ 189, wherein the indicator is mounted on a container member of the container unit which contains the medicament formulation and the restricting member, in its second position, co-operates with the indicator to restrict relative movement between the container unit and the housing.

191. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 189 in which the indicator is mounted at the leading end of the container unit.

192. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim ~~189~~ 170 further having an indicator for indicating dispensing from the container unit, in which wherein the indicator is comprised in the second part of the container unit.

193. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 158, wherein the dispensing outlet of the housing is ~~in~~ a nozzle configured for insertion into one of a nostril and or a mouth of one of a human or and animal body.

194. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 163 further having a connector which connects the housing and the closure to one another.

195. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 194, wherein the connector is extensible.

196. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 194, wherein the connector is telescopic.

197. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 194, wherein the connector comprises:-

a first component, attached to the housing; and
a second component, attached to the closure;

wherein the first and second components are capable of relative movement between a contracted position, in which the closure closes the dispensing outlet, and an extended position, in which the closure is spaced from the dispensing outlet.

198. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 197, wherein one of said first and second components comprises a pin and the other comprises a slot, wherein the pin is captive within the slot and capable of movement within it.

199. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 197, wherein at least one of the first and second components comprises a hinge hinging means.

200. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 194, wherein the connector is a strap.

201-210 Cancelled

211. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 168, wherein the arm structure has a pair of spaced-apart arm members.

212. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 168 158, wherein the restricting member is configured as an arm structure having a distal end configured as a clip portion.

213. (Previously Presented) The inhaler of claim 212, wherein the arm structure has a pair of spaced-apart arm members, the distal end of each arm member having a clip portion.

214-222. Cancelled.

223. (Currently Amended) The inhaler of claim 158 which is a pressurised metered dose inhaler (pMDI).

224. (Currently Amended) An accessory for use with an inhaler which comprises a housing for receiving therein a medicament formulation and a dispensing member for relative movement therebetween which causes a dose of the medicament formulation to be dispensed for inhalation by a user through a dispensing outlet of the housing, the accessory adapted to be releasably attached to the inhaler in a use position and having a restricting member which, when the accessory is attached to the inhaler in its use position, extends into the housing through the dispensing outlet to restrict the relative movement between the housing and the dispensing member such that dispensing of the dose is prevented, wherein the restricting member is configured as a clip for clipping to at least one of the housing and the dispensing member.

225. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 224 which is engaged with the housing in its use position.

226. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 224 which is engaged with the dispensing outlet in its use position.

227. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 224 which is a closure for closing the dispensing outlet in the use position.

228. (Previously Presented) The accessory of 224, wherein the restricting member is an arm structure.

229. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 228, wherein the arm structure has a pair of spaced-apart arm members.

230. Cancelled

231. (Previously Presented) The accessory of claim 228, wherein the arm structure has a distal end configured as a clip portion.

232. (Currently Amended) The accessory of claim 231, wherein the arm structure has a pair of spaced-apart arm members and wherein the distal end of each arm member has a clip portion.

233 -247. Cancelled

248. (New) The inhaler of claim 232, wherein each arm member is bulged at its distal end to form the respective clip portion.

249. (New) The inhaler of claim 158, wherein the clip configuration of the restricting member is such that if the container unit is displaced in a dispensing direction when the accessory is attached to the housing, the container unit abuts the restricting member to push the restricting member in a direction which results in the restricting member clipping more firmly to the housing.

250. (New) The inhaler of claim 249, wherein the restricting member has a ramp profile which, when the accessory is attached to the housing, is abutted by the container unit when displaced in the dispensing direction so as to push the restricting member in the direction which results in it clipping more firmly to housing.

251. (New) The inhaler of claim 158, wherein to move the restricting member from the first position to the second position involves moving the restricting member through the dispensing outlet in a first direction, wherein to move the restricting member from the second position towards the first position involves moving the restricting member through the dispensing outlet in a second, opposite direction, and wherein when the restricting member is in the second position the clip acts to inhibit movement of the restricting member in the second direction.

252. (New) The inhaler of claim 249, wherein to move the restricting member from the first position to the second position involves moving the restricting member through the dispensing outlet in a first direction, wherein to move the restricting member from the second position towards the first position involves moving the restricting member through the dispensing outlet in a second, opposite direction, wherein when the restricting member is in the second position the clip acts to inhibit movement of the restricting member in the second direction and wherein when the container unit abuts the restricting member when in its second position the container unit pushes the restricting member in the second direction to result in the clip clipping more firmly to the housing .

253. (New) The accessory of claim 232, wherein each arm member is bulged at its distal end to form the respective clip portion.

254. (New) The accessory of claim 224, wherein the clip configuration of the restricting member is such that if the dispensing member is displaced in a dispensing direction when the accessory is attached to the inhaler in its use position, the dispensing member abuts the restricting member to push the restricting member in a direction which results in the restricting member clipping more firmly to the housing.

255. (New) The inhaler of claim 254, wherein the restricting member has a ramp profile which, when the accessory is in its use position, is abutted by the dispensing member when displaced in the dispensing direction so as to push the restricting member in the direction which results in it clipping more firmly to the housing.

256. (New) The accessory of claim 224, wherein when the accessory is placed in the use position the restricting member is moved through the dispensing outlet in a first direction and wherein when the accessory is in the use position the clip acts to inhibit movement of the restricting member in a second, opposite direction.

257. (New) The accessory of claim 254, wherein when the accessory is placed in the use position the restricting member is moved through the dispensing outlet in a first direction and wherein when the accessory is in the use position (i) the clip acts to inhibit movement of the restricting member in a second, opposite direction and (ii) the restricting member is pushed in the second direction when abutted by the dispensing member to result in it clipping more firmly to the housing.